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PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SEFERINO SAGRERO, 27, Santa Ana, California and Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 97 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an four-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs Service, Indiana State Police, Indianapolis Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed five years supervised release following SAGRERO's imprisonment.

SAGRERO coordinated the transportation a shipment of methamphetamine from Santa Ana to Indianapolis that arrived in Indianapolis in early December 2002. The methamphetamine was transported in a burgundy Lincoln Mark VIII. DEA seized the vehicle during the execution of numerous search warrants in the Indianapolis area on December 6, 2002. DEA searched the vehicle and found 2,086 grams of methamphetamine with a purity level of 98 percent. SAGRERO was part of a larger methamphetamine trafficking organization operating in Indianapolis. The organization, headed by Ramon Montero, trafficked approximately 300 pounds of methamphetamine per month in the Indianapolis area from the summer of 2001 through December 6, 2002.

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